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Admiral Yamamoto, who will arrive in New York on the morning of the 10th and who with the Japanese Ambassador will lunch with the President on the 12th, is one of the half dozen men of greatest political strength in Japan. He is now included among the "Genro", or "Elder Statesmen". He has been Minister of the Navy in the Yamagata and in the Katsura Cabinets and held that portfolio throughout the Russo-Japanese War. He is regarded as a stalwart but very adroit politician. It is very likely that he will be the next Prime Minister. The accompanying cartoon from a Tokio comic paper depicts him as mounting into the saddle of the Premiership. Whether or not the present Cabinet shall fall and Baron Yamamoto shall gain the premiership, in any case his influence as a "Genro" and a politician is great.

Therefore the visit of Baron Yamamoto to the President is undoubtedly a peculiarly valuable opportunity to get before the Japanese statesmen a truer appreciation of the San Francisco situation, the conditions surrounding it, and the position of this Government in the matter.

The following is a brief "curriculum vitae" of Admiral the Baron Yamamoto:-

Baron

Baron Gombiyoye Yamamoto was born in Satsuma, October, 1852. He was graduated from the Naval Academy in Tokio in 1877, whereupon he received his commission in the Navy. He was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in 1880 and to that of Captain in 1886. As Captain he commanded the "Takao", "Takachiko", and others. In 1893 his service on the sea terminated when he entered the Department of the Navy as Chief of the Private Secretariat of the Minister of the Navy; was subsequently appointed the Chief of the Bureau of Military Affairs in the same Department, and in 1896 was promoted to be the Vice-Minister for the Navy. At the same time his rank in the line was raised to that of Rear Admiral. In 1898 he was promoted to be Vice Admiral.

From 1898 to January 1906 he was Minister of the Navy. In 1902 he was raised to the peerage, being created a Baron. In 1904 he was appointed a full Admiral.

Admiral the Baron Yamamoto is now a member of the Supreme Military Council of the Empire.

Baron Yamamoto is accompanied by Captain Takeshi Takarabe, Engineer-Captain Kogoro Fujii, Inspector of Naval Construction Motoki Kondo, Commander Kwanji Kato, and Naval Engineer Shozo Arisaka. It is said that the officers are very eminent in their respective species.

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